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THERE is to be a school election in April, and if any member of the board | the position taken by the INDEPENDENT, feels that his multiplicity of official duties is more than he can attend to, fered with commerce between the states. the present is a good time to make the "The radical defect of the legislation in fact known, when his successor might question," says the solicitor general, "is be chosen without additional expense to | that it does not confine its prohibition to the school district.

It will be interesting to observe how far the fine Italian hand of the son of his father will guide the action of the republican city convention on Monday. The local general manager of the combine is understood to be an aspirant for aldermanic honors, and will "get there" or know the reason why. It is dollars to dimes that he will not be refused.

has placed home-produced beef at a disadvantage as compared with beef shipped T. B. BYRNES, of St. Paul, will be Secinto the territory, because it has imposed retary Windom's Eugene Higgins, but an inspection tax upon all beef slaughthere is no probability that, like Higgins, tered in the territory-which the assemhe will be called off when he gets the bly was competent to do, but which it guillotine fairly in motion. Mr. Byrnes never would have done but for the illis president of the Republican league of grounded supposition that by imposing Minnesota and can be relied upon to such a tax it could shut out Chicago and work his position as appointment clerk of the treasury department for all there In one respect, at least, New Mexico had a more short-sighted legislative asis in it, politically.

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THE appointment of Whitelaw Reid, "Blaine's starling," as the republican Portland Oregonian calls him, to the French mission is a set-back to the secretary of state, who had promised him. the English mission, a post for which President Harrison told Mr. Blaine he had a man of his own. After some delay the secretary has waived his preferences in the matter and obtained Mr. Reid's acceptance of the position to which he has now been appointed.

Young men whose sweethearts have a penchant for ice cream should begin case at present regarding Helena school early to disseminate information as to the dangerous character of the coloring matter used in the manufacture of the condiment. A test by a Brooklyn chemist demonstrates that strawberry ice cream is colored with carlet red, onetenth of an ounce of which contains sufficient arsenic to cause death It requires one ounce of carlet red to properly color forty gallons of ice cream.

THE appointment of Alfred D. Edgar to be general freight and passenger agent of the Northern Pacific railroad, at Helena, is just recognition of the service of a capable and industrious gentleman, who has been in the employ of the company for seven years, both here and in Chicago. He is thoroughly familiar with the duties of the office, having been Col. Stokes' assistant for several years. While Col. Stokes will be missed by his many friends here, all will congratulate Mr. Edgar upon the promotion that has been bestowed upon him.

Among the petty acts of the last territorial legislative assembly of Montana was the order for the printing of 500 enacted bill creating that office. One of the principal objections which the Butte paper entertains against the professor is that he is a democrat. "if," says that dis-gruntled sheet, "Swallow had been either suitable or a republican, there might have been some pretense of excuse" for the gov-ernor to appoint and the council to confirm him; but, horror of horrors! he "was a rebel democrat." copies of the governor's message. When the proposition was first made it was treated with the utmost contempt by members, but as soon as it was made known that it was intended as a sop for an eleemosynary printing house it went democrat."

If the professor were a republican he doubtless could see several inches farther in hard rock than he can as a democrat, and thus many an accident could be provided against. And if a miner should be maimed or killed by falling rock or breaking timber, the catastrophe would lose much, if not all, its unpleasant features by the fact that the inspector was a republican. Thus reasons the Inter Mountain. through the house and council without Some of the remarks made on the floor of the council when the bill was introduced would constitute elegant commentaries upon the votes a week or two later of the members who gave them

The Salt Lake Tribune of Saturday published an editorial predicting that the construction of a railway line from Gallatin to Butte via Pipestone pass would, in the language of the switch-yards, side-track Helena and rob it of its position as the leading city of Montana. The inference is not warranted by any ascertainable facts. Helena is a business center, and its commerce extends to all portions of the territory. It is too great a city to be affected by the construction of a line from Gallatin to Butte or between any two other points in the territory. If any one from the east really wants to visit Butte they will find the Gallatin-Pipestone rout defer them to suppose the professor is a democrat, and a 'rebel democrat," what has that to do with his competency? And how does the Inter Mountain know he is not competent? The professor was engaged in underground mining at Highland, in sight of Butte, over a quarter of a cestury ago, since which time he has been engaged more or less in mining enterprises. Indeed, as to his competent of incompetent. All it does know and all it cares to know about him is that he is a democrat, in the eyes of that sheet that fact disqualifies him or any other man for any position. The republican council, however thought otherwise, and confirmed the professor's appointment, and that is what hurts the Butte kicker. It is one of the best acts of that body. route a convenience, but that will not deter them from transacting business at Helena as heretofore, or on a constantly increasing scale.

ONE of the declarations sent out to the country as coming from President Harrison was to the effect that ex-office holders would not be favored in the distribution of patronage by the present administration. How well the promise to "give the young men a chance" is being kept can be judged by one day's list of appointments. Of three nominations for positions in the postoffice department two were formerly employed there, while the recommendation of the third is that he is "a prominent republican of Ohio." Thomas, nominated for minister to Sweden and Norway, is a former incumrison was to the effect that ex-office

bent of the same post. It is apparent that the president has two sets of rules to govern selections for office, to apply under different conditions, and the question simply resolves itself into a matter of influence. Typer, of Indiana, made a political machine of the postoffice department when he was at its head, and his experience in that direction will be of great value to the Harri son administration.

clude from such states beef killed and

dressed in other states, and principally

Illinois and Missouri. It was pointed

out in that article that the proposed leg-

islation contravened the constitution and laws of the United States relating to

commerce between the states. Two days

later the solicitor general for the terri-

tory of New Mexico published an opinion relative to an ordinance passed by

the legislative assembly of that territory providing that no beef should be

scribed inspection "on the hoof," for

which a certain fee was to be collected,

to the effect that such legislation inter-

diseased or unwholesome meats, or pro-

vide a system of inspection regarding

any form of imported commodity, but it

undertakes to prejudge every case of

such importation in the interest of local

producers and in defiance of those prin-

ciples of interstate commerce which are

guaranteed by the constitution subject

Not only has the act of the New Mexico

legislature failed of its purpose, but it

SCHOOL BONDS.

ena school district No. 1 on the proposi-

trustees in this matter was made public,

at a premium. The taxable property in

both cases is the same, and the security

is as good for the one as it is for the

other. The withdrawal of the notice of

election is not, however, because of the

act of the Sixteenth legislative

assembly forbidding the issuance of

new school bonds while there are

two series already outstanding, as is the

district No. 1, although there is money

enough in the treasury to redeem all the

outstanding bonds of one issue. It is

explained that there is no law which

provides for the calling of bonds not due,

deficiency in the law escaped the atten-

tion of the board, two members of which,

ably assisted by the superintendent

spent considerable valuable time in lobbying against the passage of a bill for

in incorporated cities from three to five.

and apparently they deemed it more im-

portant to defeat that wholesome meas-

ure than to look out for any other legis-

lation that was going on affecting

school interests. The outcome is one

bers has too much to attend to, especial-

A "Rebel Democrat."

River Press: The Inter Mountain,

paper published in Butte, doesn't like Prof.

Swallow, the well known mining expert,

whom Gov. Leslie appointed mine inspec-

tor under the provisions of the recently

enacted bill creating that office. One of

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The postponement of the vote in Hel-

Kansas City dressed beef.

sembly than Montana.

to the regulating power of congress."

with the exception of grangers and northwestern stocks, advanced materially, the upward move-ment being sleady and meeting with hardly a check throughout the day. Everything on the list closed higher. Government bonds were dull and steady. Petroleum opened steady at 90%c, and closed strong at 90%.
Government bonds. 4s, 128%; 4%s, 107%; Government bonds. 4s, 128%; 4%s, 107%; Navigation, 31%; Oregon Improvement, 52; Union Pacific, 63%; Transcontinentsi, 31%. Money on call easy at 162% per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 4% 66%, Sterling exchange dull and firm; sixty-day bills, \$4.85%; demand, \$4.88%. THE LEGISLATIVE BOOMERANG. The INDEPENDENT commented, editorially, in its issue of the 14th inst., upon the proposition of certain states to enact laws for the inspection of beef "on the hoof," the intent of which was to ex-

LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO March 19.—Cattle—Receipts, steady to strong; beeves, \$4.00@4.50; steers, \$3.85; stockers and feeders, \$2.10@3.30; acttle, \$1.90@3.30.

Hogs—Receipts, M.Ore.

THE MARKETS.

STOCKS.

Copper—Firmer and nominal; lake, March, \$15 Lead—Dull; domestic, \$3.72%.

There was a very marked change in the temper of stock speculation to day, and the entire list,

NEW YORK, March 19,-Bar silver, 98%.

Heceipte, 15,000; slow, closing 5 mixed, \$4.0024 80; heavy, \$4.5524 CHICAGO PRODUCE.

CHICAGO, March 19.—1:15 p. m. Close—Wheat—Weak and lower; cash, 10½c; April, 94½c; June, 91½c.
Corn—Easier; cash, 34; April, 34½c; May, 35½c.
Oats—Easy; cash, 34½c; May, 25½c
Pork—Steady; May, \$11.97½; July, \$12.10.
Lard—Steady; cash, \$6.82½; May, \$5.90.

WOOL. PHILADELPHIA, March 19.—Wool is quiet and prices are unchanged. Boston, March 19.—There is not much change and which legal opinion bears out fully in wool, and prices continue generally firm. Cal-ifornia, Texas and territory wools are nearly cut. San Francisco and Los Angeles Excur-

> month thereafter, the Union Pacific railway company will sell excursion tickets to San Francisco at the following rates from Helena. Going and returning via Ogden, \$75; going via Ogden and returning via Portland (either by rail or steamer between San Francisce and Portland) or vice versa, \$90. Los Angeles and return, going via Ogden and returning same, \$85. Tickets to the above points include side trips, Ogden to Salt Lake City and return. All the above tickets are good sixty days going, extreme limit six months from date of sale and allow stop-over privileges in both directions within the limit. Through Pullman cars between Helena and Pocatello via the Montana Central and Butte, leaving Helena daily at 7:20 a. m.
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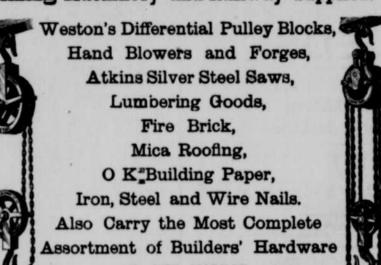
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